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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1896.

ASSETS.

Excess of receipts over disbursements,		$210 20
Am't charged to J. E. Steele, coll. '95,	$2308 27	
" rec'd from " " "	1966 64	
Disc't allowed by " " "	73 56	
Am't due from " " "		268 13
Am't " Hillsborough County,		1 75
		$480 08

LIABILITIES.

Int. on J. Whittemore's note, Apr. 6, '94,	$8 00	
" Mrs. " " "	4 00	
J. Whittemore's note, June 1, '95,	500 00	
In't on J. Whittemore's note, June 1, '95,	15 75	
Mrs. " " "	500 00	
In't " " " "	15 75	
Z. K. Whittemore's note, "	500 00	
In't on Z. K. Whittemore's note "	15 75	
Due H. E. Burnham balance of bill,	50 00	
Total,		$1609 25
Total assets of town,		480 08
Balance against town,		$1129 17

TOWN NOTES OUTSTANDING.

Jacob Whittemore's, April 6, 1894, int. 4%	$200 00
Mrs. Jacob Whittemore's, " "	100 00
Jacob Whittemore's, June 1, 1895, int. 4 1-2%	500 00
Mrs. Jacob Whittemore, " "	500 00
Z. K. Whittemore, " "	500 00

RECEIPTS.

Balance in favor of town, Feb. 15, '95,	$185 85
Received of J. E. Steele, collector, '94,	382 15
" " " " '95,	1966 64
" savings bank tax,	844 52
" railroad tax,	93 02
" literary fund,	24 36
" from County for support of pauper,	20 15
" from town clerk, dog licenses,	27 00
" bounty on hawks,	1 00
" C. P. Griffin, hall rent,	1 00
" from J. Whittemore, note June 1, '95,	500 00
" " Mrs. J. Whittemore, note, "	500 00
" " Z. K. Whittemore, note, "	500 00
	$5045 69

DISBURSEMENTS.

Miscellaneous,	$203 77
Town officers,	165 00
County paupers,	21 90
Lawsuit,	1839 95
Highways and bridges,	516 91

Support of school,	520 36
State tax,	760 00
County tax,	740 09
Abatements,	17 75
School supplies,	49 77
	$4835 49

ORDERS DRAWN FOR TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Walter E. McQuesten, town clerk,	$12 00
" " treasurer,	10 00
Isaac N. Center, Selectman,	28 00
Norris C. Griffin, "	25 00
Charles Bancroft, "	20 00
James E. Steele, collector,	30 00
George C. Danforth, supervisor,	6 00
Fred McQuesten, "	5 00
John T. Lydston, "	4 00
Zachariah K. Whittemore, school board,	25 00
	$165 00

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid W. E. Woodbury, funeral expenses of Mrs. Trask,	$12 00
Geo. B. Griffin, mdse. for Mrs. Trask,	8 15
Haseltine & Co., " "	1 75
	$21 90

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Fred McQuesten, agent '94,	$39 25
Mrs. H. Rogers, highway tax,	2 25
Charles H. McQuesten, agent '95,	467 66
John L. Center, labor in '92,	7 75
	$516 91

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Paid Charles W. Barnes,	$49 77

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Amount of school tax,	$496 00
" " literary fund,	24 36
Paid Z. K. Whittemore, treasurer school board,	$520 36

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid state tax,	$760 00
county tax,	740 09
	$1500 09

ABATEMENTS.

Paid James E. Steele, abatement of A. F. Sawyer's tax, '94,	$ 4 25
James E. Steele, " " James Kid's '94,	85
" " " " " Proctor Bros' '95,	11 00
Charles H. McQuesten, tax '95,	1 65
	$17 75

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid I. N. Center, wood for library,	$1 30
" " blank books,	1 75
" " fire extinguishers.	4 00
" " transient poor,	35
A. S. Campbell & Co., printing Town Reports	21 70
John W. Center, insurance,	25 00
Edson C. Eastman, record book,	10 00
J. P. Newell, library appropriation,	40 72
W. H. Putnam, wood for town house,	1 50
George A. Annis, services as sexton,	18 00
Haseltine & Co., oil, etc., for town house,	1 70
Charles Bancroft, transient poor,	1 00
Jennie F. Center, librarian,	26 00
N. C. Griffin, hawk bounty,	25
" " transient poor,	1 00
I. N. Center, going to Concord,	2 00
" " express,	25
Walter E. McQuesten, recording births, death and marriages,	2 10
Dr. G. M. Davis, returning births and deaths,	1 00
James E. Barrett, sawing wood for town house,	50
Dr. J. N. Woodward, returning death,	25
A. J. Pike, labor painting cemetery fences,	15 00
" " oil for " " "	50
N. C. Griffin, paint for painting cemetery fences,	27 15
I. N. Center, bounty on hawks,	75
	$203.77

MARSHALL LAW SUIT.

Paid Dr. C. B. Hammond,	35 00
Dr. E. F. McQuesten,	35 00
George B. French,	150 00
Henry E. Burnham,	100 00
Kimball Webster,	5 00
N. C. Griffin, witness fee of George Estey,	5 19
" " " " " Turner Sampson,	2 25
I. N. Center, expenses and meals for witnesses,	1 95
" " witness fee of Edna Putnam,	2 00
" " " " " Lucy Marshall,	1 50
Fred McQuesten, fees for himself and wife,	7 00
Will Annis, witness fee,	2 74
A. H. Powers, " "	3 34
Mrs. A. H. Powers, " "	3 34
John L. Center, " "	5 60
Samuel Center, " "	4 35
George A. Annis, " "	1 25
M. M. Campbell, " "	4 47
" " " " of G. A. Annis,	1 97
F. L. Center, " "	3 12
" " dinners for witnesses,	1 00
James Millett, witness fee,	2 37
H. B. Atherton, judgment, costs and interest,	1447 50
George B. French, expenses,	14 00
	$1839 94

ISAAC N. CENTER,
NORRIS C. GRIFFIN,
CHARLES BANCROFT,
Selectmen of Litchfield.

Litchfield, N. H., Feb. 15, 1896.

This certifies that we have this day audited the Selectmen's accounts and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

F. L. CENTER,
A. H. POWERS, } *Auditors.*

REPORT OF HIGHWAY AGENT.

CHARLES H. McQUESTEN, Highway Agent.

Dr.

To cash from town by summer expenses,	$467 66
Paid F. S. Bancroft, labor,	$7 00
R. Shepherd, "	3 00
" " loam,	3 60
A. P. Keyes, "	3 68
" " " labor,	3 00
I. N. Center, "	1 46
George M. Reid, lumber,	7 00
" " " labor,	15 80
C. H. Chase, "	7 45
D. S. Leach, "	3 20
A. J. Pike, "	2 02
D. R. Leach, "	40
James McQuesten, labor,	1 50
George Trask, "	1 25
Lorenzo Hardy, "	2 50
Daniel McQuesten, loam,	1 00
E. O. Putnam, labor,	1 00
Jacob Whittemore, labor,	75
Cross & Tolles, lumber,	39 82
Charles McQuesten, labor,	82 91
" " loam,	7 05
" " spikes,	1 30

Paid Aaron Cutler, labor,	5 50
John L. Center, "	11 50
Cosmo Adams, "	9 00
Mark Campbell, "	3 00
" " loam,	13 98
Charles Barnes, "	4 16
Thomas Paige, labor,	10 75
J. A. Reid, "	9 30
F. L. Center, lumber.	5 00
Matthew Campbell, labor,	10 75
Alexander Taggart, "	3 75
" " loam,	7 88
John Lydston, labor,	2 00
N. P. Bullock, "	2 25
Carl P. Griffin, "	75
Frank Holden, "	3 50
George Annis, "	15 15
Fred McQuesten, "	6 05
P. B. Annis, "	98 30
Elbridge Pike, "	6 93
James E. Steele, "	16 50
James Butterfield, lumber,	50
H. Goodspeed, labor,	5 55
Charles Bancroft, "	9 87
James Corning, loam,	2 80
" " labor,	4 00
C. W. Leach, "	1 00
James Barrett, "	1 25
	$467 66

TREASURER'S REPORT.

WALTER E. McQUESTEN, treasurer, in account with the town of Litchfield, N. H., for the year ending February 15th, 1896.

Dr.

Cash in the treasury, Feb. 15, 1895,	$472 12
" rec'd of county pauper claims,	20 15
" " dog licenses,	27 00
" " selectmen, hawks,	1 00
" " " town hall,	1 00
" " " money hired,	1500 00
" " railroad tax,	93 02
" " literary fund,	24 36
" " savings bank tax,	844 52
" " J. E. Steele, tax of 1894,	383 91
" " " " interest on tax of 1894,	8 24
" " " " tax of 1895,	1966 64
	$5331 96

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Cash paid selectmen's orders,	$4918 40
" in bank,	211 16

Cash in treasury February 15, 1896,	202 40
	$5331 96

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER E. McQUESTEN,

Treasurer.

The foregoing account is mathematically correct, and legible, with proper vouchers for every item.

A. H. POWERS,
F. L. CENTER, } *Auditors.*

MARRIAGES

Recorded in the town of Litchfield, for the year ending December 31, 1895.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage.	Age of Each in years.	Color of Each.	Place of Birth of Each.	Name of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Parents.	Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Oct. 2	Manchester...	Norris C. Griffin...	Litchfield..	47..	W	Litchfield..	George Griffin	....	Deceased	.....	W	Chas. J. Staples Manchester, Clergyman.
							Clarissa White	Litchfield..	Litchfield	Housek'per		
		Corabel B. Crowell	Manchester....	37..	W	Manchester	Andrew N. Baker..	Lowell, Mass..	Manchester..	Paymaster .	W	
							SusanWRichards'n	.....	Deceased	.....		
Dec. 31	Litchfield.....	LawrenceKneeland	Georgetown, Mass.	28..	W	Georget'wn	Noah R. Kneeland.	Georgetown....	Georgetown..	Shoemaker.	W	John P. Newell Litchfield, Clergyman,
							Charlotte Pillsbury	Georgetown....	"	Matron		
		Georgianna M.Hall	Litchfield	28..	W	Litchfield..	Rufus Saunders....	....	Deceased ...	....	W	
							Lucy A. Smith.....	.....	"	.....		

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my belief.

WALTER E. McQUESTEN, *Town Clerk*,

BIRTHS

Recorded in the town of Litchfield, for the year ending December 31, 1895.

Name.	Place of Birth.	Date of Birth.	Sex	Condition.	Name of Parents.	Color.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Color of Parents.	No. of Child.
Mary Elizabeth..	Litchfield.....	Mar. 16	F	Living.	Isaac N. Center....	W	Litchfield....	Farmer.....	Litchfield.....	W	1st
					Mary B. Newell....				Manchester....	W	
Lovering	"	Feb. 15	M	"	Edwin Lovering...	W	"	Laborer.....	.....	W	
					Carrie Blake.....				Canada	W	
Martha Ethellynd	"	Aug.	F	"	Elbert O. Putnam..	W	"	Farmer	Litchfield.....	W	1st
					Maud E. Campbell.				Londonderry...	W	
Olive	"	Nov. 14	F	"	Charles W. Leach..	W	"	Farmer.....	Weare.....	W	4th
					Lizzie E. Marsh...				Litchfield.....	W	

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my belief.

WALTER E. McQUESTEN, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS

Recorded in the town of Litchfield, for the year ending December 31, 1895.

Date of Death.	Place of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Place of Birth.	Age. Years.	Age. Months	Age. Days.	Cause of Death.	Sex and Condition. Sex.	Color.	Single, Married or Widowed.	Occupation	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
May 9	Litchfield..	Rebecca A. Kendall..	Litchfield.....	75			Heart Disease.....	F	W	Widowed...	Matron	And'w Lydston..	Louise Tufts.....
" 21	"	Warren M. Barnes...	.....	69	11		Gangrene....	M	W	"	Farmer	.....	.....
Sept. 21	"	Eunice W. Pike.....	Salisbury, M's	77	4	21	Heart Disease.....	F	W	Single.....	Matron	Caleb Pike.....	Clarissa Hood....
Oct. 15	"	Phebe D. C. Trask...	WaterbrouMe	86	10	19	Dysentery.....	"	W	Widowed...	"	Trueworthy Ch'se	.....
" 29	"	Thomas Paige.....	Litchfield.....	61	6		Fractured Hip.....	M	W	"	Farmer	Jefferson Paige ..	AbigailHartshorn
Nov. 20	"	Mrs. Catherine Howe	Bedford.....	86	8	13	Cerebral Hemor'ge	F	W	"	Domestic ..	Barton Bullock..	Betsey Harris....
Dec. 3	GrotonM'ss	Abigail Paige.....	.....	86			Old Age..... ...	"	W	"	Housewife.	.....	.....
" 5	Litchfield..	Rufus Saunders....	Mass.....	67	8	25	Pneumonia	M	W	"	Carpenter..	.....	.....

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my belief.

WALTER E. McQUESTEN, *Town Clerk.*

SCHOOL REPORT.

As required by law the undersigned submit the following report:

The school year was divided into three terms of ten weeks each, but owing to sickness of scarlet fever in District No. 1 the school was closed, causing the shortness of one school term.

The spring term in No. 1 was taught by Miss Lillian A. Proctor; the fall term was taught by Mr. R. G. Gibson, having given good satisfaction he was retained for the winter term, which closed the 14th of February.

The spring term in No. 3 was taught by Miss Elizabeth M. Flint, having given good satisfaction she was retained for the fall and winter term which closed the 13th of February.

Number of weeks of school,	60
" " scholars,	34
" " visits by School Board and others,	164

SCHOOL TABLE.

No. of School.	TEACHERS.	No. of Weeks of School.	Wages per Month.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Visitors.	Average Attendance.	No. in Reading and Spelling.	No in Penmanship.	No. in Arithmetic	No. in Geography.	No. in Language.	No. in History.	No. in Physiology.	No. in Algebra.	No. in Composition.	No. in Drawing.
1	Lillian A. Proctor.	7	$32 00	15	13	12	15	15	15	14	9	8	6	4	15	15
1	R. G. G bson.	12	32 00	15	48	14	15	15	15	14	8	7		7	12	13
1	R. G. Gibson.	11	32 00	17	59	15	17	17	17	14	8	9		8	15	17
3	Elizabeth M. Flint.	10	32 00	16	19	12	15	15	15	14	9	8	6	4	15	15
3	Elizabeth M. Flint.	10	32 00	15	20	12	15	15	15	14	8	7		7	12	13
3	Elizabeth M. Flint.	10	32 00	17	17	13	17	17	17	14	8	9		8	15	17

It is a true saying that the teacher makes the school. We accept this as a truth and would say we have been successful the past year in securing teachers who have proved themselves conscientious, faithful workers. Some have met with larger success than others, which depends somewhat upon the influences by which they are surrounded. As we visit their school and observe the methods employed, we have been pleased to sustain them.

CHARLES W. BARNES, } *School Board*
Z. K. WHITTEMORE, } *of Litchfield.*

March 1, 1896.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Treasurer's report from March 1, 1895, to August 1, 1895.

Balance left in treasury March, 1895,		$338 54

DISBURSEMENTS.

School No. 1.		
Paid for teaching,	$56 00	
" repairs,	50	
" care of school house,	2 00	
" carrying children,	21 00	
		$79 50
School No. 3.		
Paid for teaching,	$80 00	
" repairs,	3 14	
" cleaning and care of school house,	3 25	
		$ 86 39
Total disbursements,		$165 89

Balance left in treasury August, 1, 1895, $172 65

Report from August 1, 1895, to March 1, 1896.

Balance in treasury August 1, 1895,	$172 65
Received from town treasurer,	300 00
Total receipts,	220.36
	$693 01

DISBURSEMENTS.

School No. 1.		
Paid for teaching,	184 00	
" fuel,	8 63	
" repairs,	20 53	
" care of school house,	6 60	
" carrying children,	66 00	
		$285 76
School No. 3.		
Paid for teaching,	160 00	
" fuel,	4 50	
" repairs,	9 08	
" care of school house,	4 10	
" clock,	3 75	
" stamps and stationery,	1 00	
		$182 43
Paid town of Hudson,		17 50
Total disbursements,	468 19	
Balance in treasury March 1, 1896,	207 32	

Z. K. WHITTEMORE,
Treasurer of School Board.

A. H. POWERS, *Auditor.*

Report of the Trustees of the Public Library.

At the commencement of the year the Board of Trustees was organized by the choice of J. P. Newell as chairman and Jennie F. Center as librarian, secretary and treasurer. The library has been open for loaning and returning books every Saturday afternoon during the year from half past two until five o'clock.

The number of bound volumes in the library is 670; number of pamphlets 60; number of patrons 75 and the number of books loaned 1220, beside those which have been consulted at the library.

During the year 26 volumes have been donated by the Ladies' Social Circle, also the Century and Cosmopolitan Magazines, Munsey's Magazine by Mrs. Jennie F. Center, a copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary by Rev. J. P. Newell, a book entitled "Register of New Hampshire Soldiers and Sailors, War of the Rebellion," by the state and a copy of Agricultural Reports by Senator Gallinger. The Trustees have purchased 44 new books with the money appropriated by the town for this purpose. There are many good books in the library and we congratulate the citizens of Litchfield that they have had the wisdom to establish and the disposition to maintain it. No better investment could be made.

The building in which the library is kept greatly needs to be repaired. The roof leaks badly and some other repairs should be attended to at once.

J. P. NEWELL,

For the Trustees.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Board of Trustees of the Litchfield Public Library.

The following report of Treasurer of said Board is hereby respectfully submitted:

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1895,	$ 07
" received from fines,	1 34
" " " town appropriation,	40 72
	$42 13

EXENDITURES.

Cash paid for books,	$40 61
" " " express,	15
" " " supplies for library,	55
" " in treasury,	82
	$42 13

JENNIE F. CENTER,
Treasurer.

Litchfield, Feb. 15, 1896.